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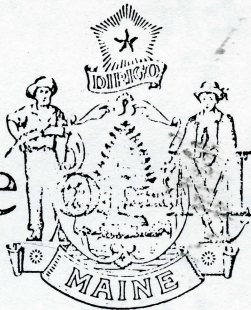


Daigle

Approximately 1500 descendants of Pioneer Joseph Simon Daigle (1737 - 1814) gathered at the Historian Acadian Landing Site in St David, Maine on Acadian Day, June 28, 1980, to pay tribute to one of the founders of the 1785 Madawaska Territory.

The Daigle Family Crest depicts a gold Eagle on a black shield signifying the origin of the family name, "from Eagle" - D'Aigle. Variations of the name are: D'Aigre, d'Aigre, Daigre, and Desgre.

State of Maine



Be it known to all that
We, the Members of the Senate and
House of Representatives
join in recognizing

the descendants of patriarch Joseph Simon Daigle, who will be honored by the St. John Valley during 1980 Acadian Festival Week, June 21 to June 29, 1980;

And be it ordered that this official expression of sentiment be sent forthwith on behalf of the Legislature and the people of the State of Maine

Given this 17th day of March 1980

at the State Capitol
Augusta, Maine

J. Mussen
President of the Senate

John L. Martin
Speaker of the House

May M. Fox
Secretary

Ed Peet
Clerk

Introduced by Rep. Edward A. Melleny
Cosponsored by Rep. Paul E. Violette
Cosponsored by Rep. John L. Martin
Cosponsored by Sen. Roland D. Martin

From: Madawaska
From: Van Buren
From: Eagle Lake
From: Aroostook County

ACADIAN FESTIVAL
DAIGLE FAMILY REUNION
SPONSORED BY
MADAWASKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**I have
Daigle
Roots**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, June 27:

- 9:00 A.M. All-day registration at Acadia School Gym.
- 9:00 A.M. Information centers at Tante Blanche Museum & Una's restaurant.
- 8:00 P.M. Grand Daigle reception and get-together at Acadia school gym.

Saturday, June 28:

- 9:00 A.M. Registration - Acadia school.
- 3:30 P.M. Ceremonial River Crossing with St. Basil delegation.
- 4:30 P.M. Daigle mass at St David church. Immediately following mass will be blessing of the cross.
- 5:30 P.M. Procession of the cross & following the cross to the site.
- 6:00 P.M. Public recital of the Angelus at cross site.
- 6:30 P.M. Daigle picnic supper, FREE beans & hot-dogs. Donation of the supper by Northern Trading Co., Paradis I.G.A., Sampsons supermarket.

After Dark - Bonfire at cross site.

- 9:00 P.M. At the Multi-Purpose Building - Acadia old-fasion frolic, Daigle recognition.

All persons with Daigle names and those having Daigle family roots are asked to participate in the registering.

A \$100.00 savings bond will be drawn and awarded to the person who registered his name as a member of the grand Daigle family.

THE DAIGLE FAMILY REUNION

Chairperson: Louise Gendreau

Madawaska His. Society President: Claude Cyr

ORGANIZERS

Mr & Mrs Leo James Daigle	Madawaska	Maine
Kathy Daigle Cyr	Frenchville	"
Glenn Daigle	Madawaska	"
Velma Daigle	Fort Kent	"
Mr & Mrs Conrad Daigle	Frenchville	"
Mr & Mrs Real Daigle	Madawaska	"
Mr & Mrs John Daigle	Madawaska	"
Carroll Daigle	Madawaska	"
Mr & Mrs Elroy Daigle	Frenchville	"
Joella Daigle	Frenchville	"
Romeo & Annette Daigle	Madawaska	"
Normand Daigle	Madawaska	"
Karen Daigle Deprey	Fort Kent	"
Lisa Daigle	Frenchville	"
Muriel Guerrette	Frenchville	"
Joyce Ayotte	St. Agatha	"

RECOGNITION

The oldest living Daigle member: Mr. Roderique Daigle, Fort Kent, Maine
The oldest Married couple: Mr & Mrs Oscar Daigle, Fort Kent, Maine
The Daigle descendant traveling the farthest to attend the reunion -
Mrs. Albertine Daigle Rilay of California.

DOOR PRIZES WON BY:

Charles Daigle of Madawaska	\$100.00
Sandra Daigle of Fort Kent	\$100.00 shopping spree at the Bangor Mall
Mrs Pat Soucy & Mrs Zenon Daigle	Paid Motel weekend in Bangor
Mrs Albertine Daigle Rilay	An oil painting by Julie Albert

Donations in money, supplies and services were given by 52 organizations, businesses and individuals, to help the Daigle family Reunion one that will long be remembered. The Madawaska Historical Society and the Daigle family reunion committee thank each and everyone for their generous support.

1980 ACADIAN FESTIVAL FOCUS ON DAIGLE ANCESTRY

Genealogy claim that there are two sources of the Daigle family, one German and one French. The German line came to North America by way of Quebec while the French line came through Acadia.

The Acadian line finds its origin in one Olivier Daigre (1643 - 1686) who arrived in Acadia at the age of 20. At Port Royal, Acadia (now Annapolis Royal Nova Scotia) He married Marie Gaudet. The first Acadian census taken in 1671 records the following: "Labourer - Olivier Daigre age 28 ans. sa femme Marie Gaudet age 20 ans. Leurs enfans; 3, Jehan, 4 ans, Jacques, 2 ans, et Bernard, 1 an.

Genevievre Massignon tells us in *Les Parlers Francais a'Acadie*, that old records have the family name spelled variously: D'Aigre, d'Aigre, Daigre, Desgres, and Daigle. She also states "The Daigle (Daigre) and Doiron recall the localities of d'Aigre in Angoumois and D'Oiron in Poitou France". Daigle (D'Aigle we are told means "From Eagle" and thus the Eagle the family crest.

The 1980 Acadian Festival focused on the family of the pioneer whom tradition states raised the first Acadian cross in the old Madawaska Territory in 1785. Since this pioneer leader of the Acadian Colony was Joseph Simon Daigle (1738 - 1814) his descendants gathered in a reunion at the Historic Acadian Cross June 28, 1980.

Joseph Simon Daigle, was born at Pisiquit, Acadia, now Windsor, N.S. As a young boy, with the beginning of hostilities of the French and Indian wars, Daigle fled Acadia with his father's family to L'Isle St. Jean, (Prince Edward Island) there we find him as a 13 year-old boy in 1752, where he is listed as a resident of Anse au Matelot. With renewed hostilities coming on in 1755 with the Acadian Deportation (le grand derangement) Daigle's family fled the colony, and in 1762 we find him at St Francois de Monmagny in the Province of Quebec. There on November 23, 1762 he married Marguerite Guilbeault who, like himself had been a war refugee from Acadia. While living in Montmagny, six of their children were born, four of whom followed their father to the Madawaska Territory. Sometime in the 1770's Daigle followed the trek of Acadian re-immigration back to Acadia. Thus the years immediately preceding the American Revolution, we find his family at St. Anne du Payee Bas, near Fredrickton, N.B.

It was here in 1785 with the Cyr family that the Acadians came to Madawaska.

Rev. Thomas Albert cites Daigle's role as "Marguiller" or church warden, in Madawaska during the years when the settlement was served by only roving missionaries. In 1790, he and Louis Mercure were the only recognized officers under the British rule in the area. The settlers received their first land grants under British authority in the era before the boundary dispute and eventual settlement in 1842. Joseph Simon Daigle had two sons, Joseph Marie Daigle (1763 - 1839) and Jean Bapliste Daigle (1767 - 1836). Between the two of them 27 children were born to the Daigle family. Both the Daigle sons married daughters of Tante Blanche, the folk heroine of the Madawaska pioneer days. Joseph Daigle Jr. became the father of Vital Daigle (1829 - 1901) who founded the settlement in New Canada that to this day bears the name Daigle. Jean Bapliste on the other hand, became the father of Jean Bapliste Daigle (1791 - 1846) who owned all the land at the point where the Fish River runs into the St John at Fort Kent where the St Louis church stands today.

Through two sons, Joseph Jr. and Jean Bapliste, the Daigle family has gone on to become a Valleywide Acadian name.

Guy Dubay

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Madawaska Historical Society held nine meetings in this past year 1979-1980 given are the highlights of those minutes:

November 2nd, 1979

Received actual republications of Lawrence Violette's popular book titled "How the Acadians came to Maine". Honored Madawaska's oldest citizen - centarian, Mrs Dan Cyr on the anniversary of her 100th birthday in conjunction with the Madawaska Board of Selectman. Receipt of offer of lumber donation as a gesture of good will from our St. Basile neighbor to replace the wind toppled wooden Acadian Cross.

November 29th, 1979

Special recognition was given to Thomas o. Cyr American Legion Post #147 for their generous donation of a \$5,000 check to promote the society's dream of a permanent Shrine at the Acadian Cross Historic Landing Site. Rededication to completion of the Shrine Complex by the bicentennial of the Acadian arrival in 1985.

January 24th, 1980

Development and progression with the Society's pictorial history project funded by Fraser sponsorship to depict the St. John Valley, its township and events through reproductions of old photographs held by local residents. Preparation and tentative arrangement of events and scheduling of the 3rd Annual Acadian Festival including the "honoring of" a Great Acadian Family in 1980, the Daigle Family Reunion. Decision to reinact the erecting of the Acadian Cross by the descendants of the colony's founding father, Joseph Simon Daigle.

March 11th, 1980

Organized and evaluated the format and contents of the society's annual newsletter covering the activities of the previous year. Scheduled a Kick-Off Dinner with local civic organizations to urge continued support and participation in the events of the 1980 Acadian Festival.

June 11th, 1980

Appropriation of \$1 000 from the Town of Madawaska to further the Old Albert Homestead Project enabling the completion of the exterior of the structure in that summer as the restoration project was far in advance of projections. Decision to expand the bookkeeping system in consideration of the increased numerical value of income and expenditures.

June 17th, 1980

Sponsoring of the Society's Antique Show held during the gala of the Acadian Festival to facilitate the meeting of independent antique dealers with interested buyers of this area. Application to Freedom Foundation for recognition of the entry of the Madawaska Liberty Bell housed in the Society's restored schoolhouse structure.

August 8th, 1980

Support by the Society together with all other Valley Societies and the Maine State Museum to develop a St. John Valley Exhibit Project to initially exhibited in Augusta in 1982.

September 17th, 1980

Informal meeting of society officials with Maine State Museum's representative to view actual society artifacts that could be employed in the St. John Valley Exhibit; defining and enlarging of the scope of exhibit and the Society's actual role - a major effort by many society officials was effected seperate from Madawaska Society Activities.

November 23rd, 1980

Twelfth Annual Membership Meeting. Elected Officers & Directors. Presentation of a Certificate of Commendation by the prestigious American Association for State and Local History giving national recognition to the Madawaska Historical Society, one of only two societies in Maine to receive such honor. ** Statistical growth occurred in publication sales, genealogy requests, museum visitations, Shrine donations, photo-reproductions donations, and demand in community, county, state, and national involvement.

** We regretfully note, the untimely death of the presenter of that commendation, local historian and author, Dr. Roger Grindle. We express deep felt loss over the death of our life time member.

Darlene Coltart

HISTORICAL NOTES OF INTEREST

Society Founder, Geraldine Chasse, published "Papa Town" Fifty Years in the History of Madawaska, Maine.

NEW MEMBERS

Honorary: Mr. Conrad Soucy of St. Basile, N.B. Canada

Life Members:

Mr & Mrs Fernand Gendreau	St David, Maine
Mr & Mrs Donat Sirois	Madawaska, Maine
Mr & Mrs Alfred Parent	Lille, Maine
Mr & Mrs Sheldon D Smith	Raliegh, N.C.
Mrs. Ruth (Albert) Parent	Rochester, N.H.

Contributing Members:

Mildred Bruce	Rinette Pelletier
Alvey Dubois	Fred Wetmore
Ronald Pelletier Studio	Verna Baker
Gabriel Dugal	Sadie Beaulieu
Laura Ouellette	Elva Plourde

Joel R. Leblanc

Deceased Members:

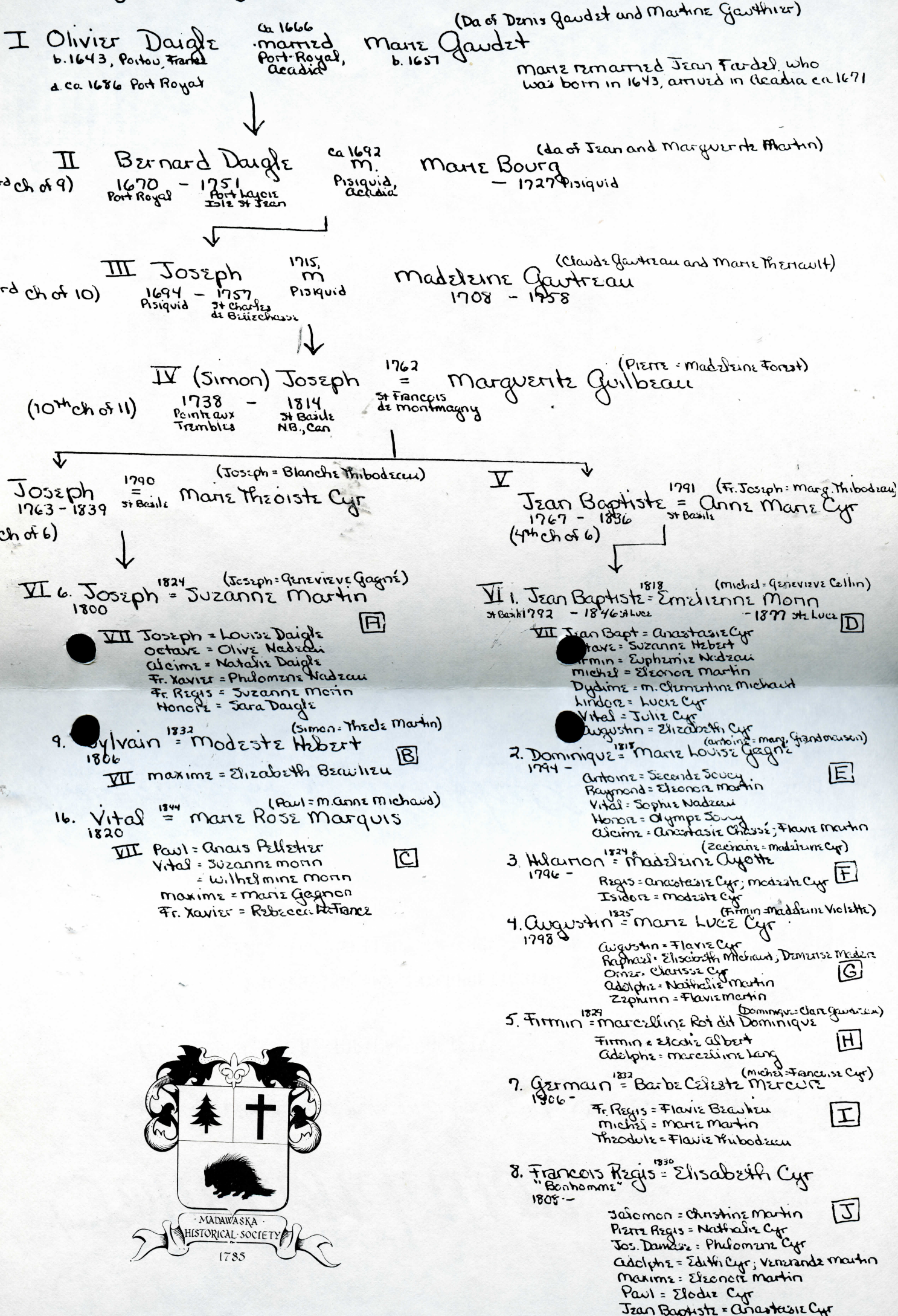
Roger L. Grindle January 7, 1981
Joel R. Leblanc June 26, 1980
William Parent August 2, 1980

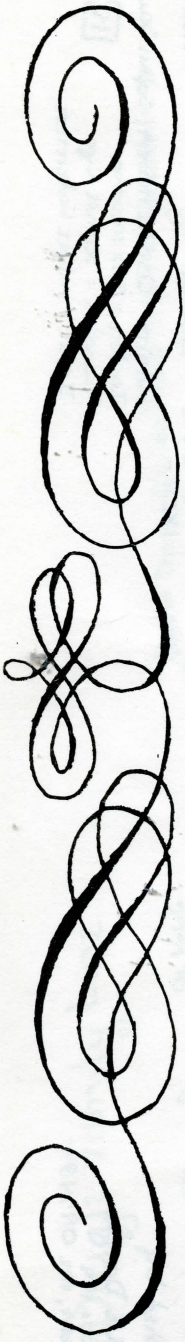
Total Paid up membership January 1981 - 155

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Museum Curator	Bernette Albert	P.O. Box 254	Madawaska, Maine
Publications	Geraldine Chasse	RFD #1 Box 59	Madawaska, Maine
Genealogy	Guy Dubay	10-20th Ave.	Madawaska, Maine
Historian	Guy Dubay	10-20th Ave.	Madawaska, Maine
Membership	Rolande Levesque	168 E Main St.	Madawaska, Maine
Photo Project	Cecile Pozzuto	113 Pleasant St.	Madawaska, Maine
Cyr Family Reunion	Gabriel Dugal	RFD #1 Box 28	Madawaska, Maine
Daigle Family Reunion	Louise Gendreau	RFD #1 Box 18	Madawaska, Maine
Acadian Day Festival	Ben Talbot	3 Winter St.	Madawaska, Maine
President	Claude Cyr	P.O. Box	Madawaska, Maine

Daigle family Line





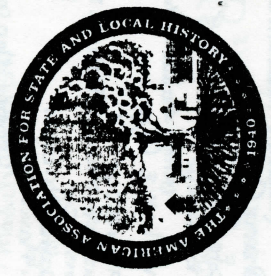
CERTIFICATE OF
Commendation

Presented by The American Association for State and Local History

to MADAWASKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

for

PRESERVING AND INTERPRETING THE
ACADIAN HERITAGE IN THE ST. JOHN
RIVER REGION.



Marion M. Bigelow
President

W. Marshall
Chairman, Committee on Awards

SEPTEMBER 5, 1980
Date

MADAWASKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 23, 1980

EXPENSES:

Utilities	\$ 140.50
Printing	973.83
Publications	475.50
Postage	39.22
Supplies	109.50
Insurance	100.80
Office Supplies	26.70
Legionnaires' Driver	202.00
Road Project	1490.00
Old Homestead Project	3251.84
Plaques, etc.	195.39
Advertising & Show Expense	144.28
Photo Project	639.57
Miscellaneous	424.66
	\$8213.79

INCOME:

Sales & Publications \$ Museum Dues	\$1563.83
Donations	9750.00
Interest	466.90
Antique Show Receipts	508.32
Fraser for Photo Project	1000.00
	\$13,289.05

OPENING BALANCE: 9-30-79-----	\$ 2548.40
Income 1980-----	13,289.05
	15,837.45
LESS EXPENSES-----	8213.79
Transferred to Certificate of Deposit-----	7623.66
	5000.00

	\$ 2623.66
ON-HAND CHECKING ACCOUNT: 10-31-80-----	\$ 3703.76
LESS CHECKS OUTSTANDING-----	1080.10
	2623.66
	5000.00

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS ARE GREATLY ACKNOWLEDGED:
800.00 - Anonymous; 5000.00 - American Legion; 25.00 -
Fraser; 3900.00 - Town of Madawaska; 1000.00 - Fraser for
Photo Project.

*** \$2,006.35 have been paid and \$1,376.75 have been received
since this report was written.

Mgr. Chaulout

1980 MUSEUM ACQUISITIONS

I. Artifacts

<u>Artifacts</u>	<u>Donors</u>
1. Coach Silhouette Mirror	Rollande Levesque
2. Small tin-type Bank	Mrs. Annie Albert
3. Antique Jewelry (3 pins: Cameo, Crescent Pearl, Bow)	Mrs Elmo Albert
4. Grey Granite Colander	"
5. Tin Dipper	"
6. 3 Wooden Loom Shuttles	"
7. Wooden Scutch	"
8. 1 small Wooden Ladle-type Scraper	"
9. Wooden Spools for Loom Shuttles (Tremis - 29)	"
10. St Anthony Statue	Memory of Mrs Alice (Albert) Daigle
11. Small Glass Toothpick Holder (3 handles, c 1900)	"
12. Pair Small Round Glasses (c. 1900)	"
13. Wooden, (3' x 2') Gold-type Frame	"
14. Framed Mirror (14" x 20") plain glass	"
15. Small Grey Granite Bread Pan	"
16. Tin-type Cake Plate	"
17. Brass Finger Candle Holder	"
18. Small Tin Pill Box	"
19. Blue Granite Chamber Pot	"
20. White Pottery Soup Bowl	"
21. Grey Granite Strainer	"
22. Frame with Glass (12" x 18")	"
23. 9 Windows	St David Parish
24. 5 Doors	"
25. Banister and Stairway Posts	"
26. 4 Door Moldings	"
27. Small - Low Radiator	"
28. Round Ceiling Heat Grill	"
29. Glass Door Panel	"
30. 4 Roof Cornices	"
31. Framed Picture of Mr & Mrs Joe Daigle (Philomene Cyr)	Mr Normand Daigle
32. Wooden Spools for Loom Shuttles (tremis - 14)	Mrs. Gerard Albert
33. Baptismal Dress & Slip	Mrs Ludger Pelletier
34. 2 Tin flat bottom Oil Lamps	Mrs. Emily McGlinchey
35. Curtain Stretcher	Mrs. Doreen Morin

II Books, Papers, and Documents

<u>Books, Papers, and Documents</u>	<u>Donors</u>
Research Notes about the St Charles Church in St Francis, Me.	Rev. Bernard Nicknair
Research Notes about the St. David Church in Madawaska, Me.	"
Daigle Family Genealogy and Research	Mrs. Dudley Pelletier
"Papa Town" The Life of Levite Rossignol (50 Years in the History of Madawaska)	Mr. Levite E. Rossignol
U.S. Custom Collection Ledger for the Port of Madawaska, Me. (Import Book - 1894 to 1920)	Hollis E. Mathews
What to Cook - Fort Kent Grocery (c. 1920)	Eastport, Maine
Maine Bulletin, March 10, 1946	Rollande Levesque
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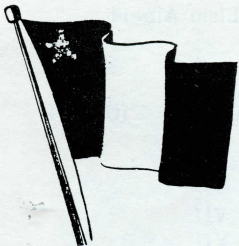
St Martinville, L.M. Guiard, 1950	Mrs Elmo Albert
Les Entretiens du Village, Emery LeBlanc, 1957	"
Les Acadiens, Emery LeBlanc, 1963	"
Petite Larive et Fleury, 1902 (Encyclopedia Dictionary)	"
Bibliographie sur Les Acadiens (Gerard Morin, 1977)	Mad. School Dept. Title VII
N. American French Bilingual Conference, (1972 - 1973)	"
The Good School, State Dept of Education, 1948	"
Anthologie de la Poesie, Franco Amercaine, Paul Chasse, 1976	"
Northeast Bilingual Conference, 1976 (Language & Culture - 2 Cys)	Title VII
Une Amerique Francaise, J. Casanova, 1975	Title VII
Pamphlet on Genealogy of the Joseph Simon Daigle, plus 15 miscellaneous Daigle Pictures	Mrs. A Mae Madore
Scrapbook of Mortuary Cards, Mrs Dominique Daigle	Mrs. Candid Daigle
Scrapbook of Mortuary Cards, Modeste Daigle	"
The Good School, 1948, Union 127, Madawaska, Me.	Mrs. Alice Hebert Daigle
History of Our Country, Muzzey, 1937	"
Catechisme en Images, Maison de la Bonne Presse, Paris, 1908	Carmen Theriault Tyson
Standard Catholic Reader, M.E. Doyle, 1909	Cecile Pozzuto
Psychology in Education, R.N. Roark 1895	"
Teacher's Manual, White & Harthorn, 1930	"
Elements of French, J. Greenberg, 1922	"
Modern Practical Arithmetic, I. Hayes, 1925	Mrs. Victor Albert
Elementary English Schoolbooks, (Miscellaneous -)	"
Secondary French Schoolbooks, (Miscellaneous - 2)	"
The Long Trail, Kermit Roosevelt, 1921 (Autigraphed Edition)	"
Troisieme Livre du Lecture, Nelson, 1908	"
Snapshot of St. David Float, 1955 in Edmundston Parade, 1955	"
Pamphlet of Acadian & French Canadian Songs	"
Century of Progress, U.M.F.K., 1978	"
Canadian Continental Journals of Local History, St Louis College, 1967	Mr. Gerard Morin
Document No. 380, House of Representative, 25th Congress, May 23, 1838, (Reclaims of Maine & the Northeast Boundary)	Mr. Roger Dufour
Ledger of Dufour Store Accounts, 1844	St Thomas School
Elementary Schoolbooks (Miscellaneous - 6)	Mrs. Alfred Parent
Biographical Sketches of the Members of the Senate & House of Representatives of Maine, 1907 (Patrick Theriault)	Mr. Fernand Dube
6 Latin Missals	

PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION DONATIONS

Fraser Paper Inc. - \$500.00 for reproduction of old photos and for donating photos.
 3 Photo Albums and Musical Songs by Denis Martin Mrs Rose Michaud
 Postcards, Antique Christmas Cards, Photos, Documents, Mr & Mrs Elmer Bouchard
 July 1909 Newspaper

Donations of photographs were received from the following people: Lorraine Dufour Cox,
 Alfreda Picard, Mr. & Mrs Roger Martin, Mrs Oneil Gagnon, Mrs. Annie Albert, Mrs
 Theresa (Romeo) Cyr, Mrs. Bernadette Couturier, and Mrs. Luke Pelletier.

Once more we wish to Thank all who have donated storage space, time, equipment, labor,
 and (Miscellaneous Paperbacks for fund raising).



THE CYR FAMILY TO BE HONORED
DURING THE 1981 ACADIAN FESTIVAL

The Madawaska Historical Society's efforts to recognize and honor Acadian Families, who share a common ancestry and heritage, will honor the Pioneer Cyr Family during the 4th Annual Acadian Festival, June 21 - 28, 1981.

The Descendents of Pierre Cyr (1640 - 1678) and of the nine Cyr Brothers, who settled in the St. John Valley in 1785, are invited to participate in a Grand Cyr Family Reunion. The Cyr Family whose roots reach back to old Acadia, originated from Tourraine on the Loire in France. Pierre Cyr, the first to bring the Cyr name to North America, from France to Acadia in 1668 married Marie Bourgeois, at Port Royal, Acadia, (Annapolis Royal, N.S.) They had three sons, who became refugees during the Acadian Deportation.

Our St John Valley Historian, Guy Dubay, notes, "that the Cyr Family members were to be found in St Malo France in 1764, Contrecouer and La Prarie, Quebec, and of course Madawaska, Maine in 1785.

A Cyr Family Reunion Committee is being formed which will appeal to area residents and visitors alike. We hope all having Cyr Family Roots, will take an active part in some aspect of the celebration. Much help is needed prior to the reunion, as well as during and after the festivities. Don't wait to be asked, volunteer now by contacting Mr Gabriel Dugal, RFD #1 Box 28, Madawaska, Maine 04756, or any member of the Madawaska Historiel Society.

This could be a high point in Cyr Family History.

Geraldine Chasse